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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR § 1.53(b))**

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Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application (Small Entity) under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) in the name of  
inventors:

**George H. Hoffman; Michael J. Burk; Edward A. Greene; Anthony F. Menninger  
and Mark A. Smith**

For: **SYSTEM, METHOD AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR  
DISTRIBUTOR/SUPPLIER SELECTION IN A SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK**

Application Elements:

- ☒ 375 Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract  
☒ 195 Sheets of Drawings  
☐ Pages Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney

Accompanying Application Parts:

- ☐ Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee of \$40.00 enclosed)  
☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee  
☐ Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449  
☐ Copies of IDS Citations  
☐ Preliminary Amendment  
☒ Return Receipt Postcard  
☐ Small Entity Statement(s)  
☐ Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)  
☐ Other:

Fee Calculation (37 CFR § 1.16)

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| BASIC FEE                                                             |           |                 |      | \$355 \$355.00               | OR | \$710 \$        |
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| INDEP CLAIMS                                                          | <u>03</u> | -03 = <u>00</u> |      | x40 = \$                     | OR | x80 = \$        |
| [ ] Multiple Dependent Claim Presented                                |           |                 |      | \$135 = \$                   | OR | \$270 = \$      |
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General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time (37 CFR §1.136)

☒ Applicants hereby make and generally authorize any Petitions for Extensions of Time as may be needed for any subsequent filings. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fees under 37 CFR §1.17 as may be needed to Deposit Account No. 03-0683 (Order No. 41556/04005/RSI1P100).


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